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THERMAL INK JET PRINTHEAD WITH CAVITATION GAP

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THERMOTINTENSTRAHLDRUCKKOPFMIT KAVITATIONSSPALT

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TETE D'IMPRESSION A JET D'ENCRE THERMIQUE AVEC ESPACE DE CAVITATION

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[origin: US7465034B2] An inkjet printhead which comprises a plurality of nozzles and one or more heater elements (53, 10) corresponding to each nozzle. Each heater element is configured to heat a bubble forming liquid in the printhead to a temperature above its boiling point to form a gas bubble (12) therein. The generation of the bubble causes the ejection of a drop of an ejectable liquid (such as ink) through the respective corresponding nozzle, to effect printing. The bubble forming liquid (which may also be the ink) is collapsible, having a point of collapse (17) towards which it collapses, and each heater element is configured such that the point of collapse of a bubble formed by it is spaced (54) from that heater element.

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